

1. (Amended) An interactive television program guide system implemented on user television equipment, comprising:

means for simultaneously displaying (a) a program list that contains multiple program listings, that only contains program listings for programs that are currently being broadcast, and that has a highlight region for highlighting a given one of the program listings, (b) a video window that contains an unobstructed view of a television program, and (c) a detailed program description of the highlighted program listing;

means for allowing the user to position the highlight region only among the program listings for programs that are currently being broadcast; and

means for automatically updating the detailed program description to correspond to the highlighted program listing whenever the highlight region is positioned on a new program listing while leaving the television program in the video window unchanged.

13. (Amended) A method for using an interactive television program guide system implemented on user television equipment, comprising:

simultaneously displaying (a) a program list that contains multiple program listings, that only contains program listings for programs that are currently being broadcast, and that has a highlight region for highlighting a given one of the

program listings, (b) a video window that contains an unobstructed view of a television program, and (c) a detailed program description of the highlighted program listing;

allowing the user to position the highlight region only among the program listings for programs that are currently being broadcast; and

automatically updating the detailed program description to correspond to the highlighted program listing whenever the highlight region is positioned on a new program listing while leaving the television program in the video window unchanged.

14. (Amended) The method defined in claim 13 further comprising synchronizing the television program in the video window and the highlighted program listing.

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15. (Amended) The method defined in claim 14 wherein synchronizing the television program further comprises providing the user with an opportunity to select the highlighted program listing.

16. (Amended) The method defined in claim 15 wherein providing the user with an opportunity to select the highlighted program listing further comprises allowing the user to select the highlighted program listing with a remote control select key.

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17. (Amended) The method defined in claim 15 wherein synchronizing the television program further comprises providing the user with the opportunity to synchronize the television program in the video window and the highlighted program listing with remote control channel up and down keys.

18. (Amended) The method defined in claim 15 wherein synchronizing the television program further comprises allowing the user to change the channel for the television program that is displayed in the video window to an adjacent channel while simultaneously positioning the highlight region on top of the program listing for that channel in the program list.

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19. (Amended) The method defined in claim 13 wherein allowing the user to position the highlight region further comprises allowing the user to position the highlight region with remote control cursor keys.

20. (Amended) The method defined in claim 13 wherein allowing the user to position the highlight region further comprises allowing the user to position the highlight region with remote control page up and down keys.

21. (Amended) The method defined in claim 13 wherein allowing the user to position the highlight region further

comprises allowing the user to position the highlight region with remote control numeric keys.

22. (Amended) The method defined in claim 13 further comprising providing the user with an opportunity to display an information screen containing an additional description of the highlighted program listing.

23. (Amended) The method defined in claim 13 further comprising providing the user with an opportunity to return to normal television viewing from the simultaneously displayed program list, video window, and detailed program description.

24. (Amended) The method defined in claim 13 wherein allowing the user to position the highlight region further comprises allowing the user to position the highlight region whenever the user presses channel keys, the method further comprising:

changing the channel of the television program displayed in the video window to an adjacent channel whenever the user presses one of the channel keys; and

displaying the program list with the highlight region repositioned at the top of the list on top of a program listing for the adjacent channel whenever the program listing for

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the adjacent channel does not appear on the program list when the user presses one of the channel keys to change channels.

Please add claims 25-51 as follows:

25. (New) An interactive television program guide system comprising user television equipment configured to:

simultaneously display (a) a program list that contains multiple program listings, that only contains program listings for programs that are currently being broadcast, and that has a highlight region for highlighting a given one of the program listings, (b) a video window that contains an unobstructed view of a television program, and (c) a detailed program description of the highlighted program listing;

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allow the user to position the highlight region only among the program listings for programs that are currently being broadcast; and

automatically update the detailed program description to correspond to the highlighted program listing whenever the highlight region is positioned on a new program listing while leaving the television program in the video window unchanged.

26. (New) The interactive television program guide system defined in claim 25 wherein the user television equipment

is configured to synchronize the television program in the video window and the highlighted program listing.

27. (New) The interactive television program guide system defined in claim 26 wherein the user television equipment is configured to provide the user with an opportunity to select the highlighted program listing.

28. (New) The interactive television program guide system defined in claim 27 wherein the user television equipment is configured to allow the user to select the highlighted program listing with a remote control select key.

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Subd 4 29. (New) The interactive television program guide system defined in claim 27 wherein the user television equipment is configured to provide the user with the opportunity to synchronize the television program in the video window and the highlighted program listing using remote control channel up and down keys.

30. (New) The interactive television program guide system defined in claim 27 wherein the user television equipment is configured to allow the user to change the channel for the television program that is displayed in the video window to an adjacent channel while simultaneously positioning the highlight

region on top of the program listing for that channel in the program list.

31. (New) The interactive television program guide system defined in claim 25 wherein the user television equipment is configured to allow the user to position the highlight region with remote control cursor keys.

32. (New) The interactive television program guide system defined in claim 25 wherein the user television equipment is configured to allow the user to position the highlight region with remote control page up and down keys.

33. (New) The interactive television program guide system defined in claim 25 wherein the user television equipment is configured to allow the user to position the highlight region with remote control numeric keys.

34. (New) The interactive television program guide system defined in claim 25 wherein the user television equipment is configured to provide the user with an opportunity to display an information screen containing an additional description of the highlighted program listing.

35. (New) The interactive television program guide system defined in claim 25 wherein the user television equipment is configured to provide the user with an opportunity to return to normal television viewing from the simultaneously displayed program list, video window, and detailed program description.

36. (New) The interactive television program guide system defined in claim 25 wherein the user television equipment is configured to (a) allow the user to position the highlight region whenever the user presses channel keys, (b) change the channel of the television program displayed in the video window to an adjacent channel whenever the user presses one of the channel keys, and (c) display the program list with the highlight region repositioned at the top of the list on top of a program listing for the adjacent channel whenever the program listing for the adjacent channel does not appear on the program list when the user presses one of the channel keys to change channels.

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37. (New) An interactive television program guide system implemented on user television equipment, comprising:
means for simultaneously displaying (a) a program list that contains multiple program listings, that only contains program listings for programs that are currently being broadcast, and that has a highlight region for highlighting a given one of the program listings, (b) a video window that contains an

unobstructed view of a television program, and (c) a detailed program description of the highlighted program listing;

means for allowing the user to position the highlight region only among the program listings for programs that are currently being broadcast; and

means for automatically updating the detailed program description to correspond to the highlighted program listing whenever the highlight region is positioned on a new program listing while leaving the television program in the video window unchanged.

38. (New) The interactive television program guide system defined in claim 37 wherein the means for allowing the user to position the highlight region further comprises means for allowing a user to position the highlight region using remote control channel up and down keys.

39. (New) The interactive television program guide system defined in claim 37 further comprising means for providing the user with an opportunity to display an information screen containing an additional description of the highlighted program listing.

40. (New) The interactive television program guide system defined in claim 37 further comprising means for providing

the user with an opportunity to return to normal television viewing from the simultaneously displayed program list, video window, and detailed program description.

41. (New) The interactive television program guide system defined in claim 1 wherein the means for positioning the highlight region further comprises means for positioning the highlight region whenever the user presses channel keys, the system further comprising:

means for changing the channel of the television program displayed in the video window to an adjacent channel whenever the user presses one of the channel keys; and

means for displaying the program list with the highlight region repositioned at the top of the list on top of a program listing for the adjacent channel whenever the program listing for the adjacent channel does not appear on the program list when the user presses one of the channel keys to change channels.

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42. (New) A method for using an interactive television program guide system implemented on user television equipment, comprising:

simultaneously displaying (a) a program list that contains multiple program listings, that only contains program listings for programs that are currently being broadcast, and

that has a highlight region for highlighting a given one of the program listings, (b) a video window that contains an unobstructed view of a television program, and (c) a detailed program description of the highlighted program listing;

allowing the user to position the highlight region only among the program listings for programs that are currently being broadcast; and

automatically updating the detailed program description and the television program in the video window to correspond to the highlighted program listing whenever the highlight region is positioned on a new program listing.

3. (New) The method defined in claim 42 wherein allowing the user to position the highlight region further comprises allowing the user to position the highlight region using remote control channel up and down keys.

44. (New) The method defined in claim 42 further comprising providing the user with an opportunity to display an information screen containing an additional description of the highlighted program listing.

45. (New) The method defined in claim 42 further comprising providing the user with an opportunity to return to

normal television viewing from the simultaneously displayed program list, video window, and detailed program description.

46. (New) The method defined in claim 42 wherein allowing the user to position the highlight region further comprises allowing the user to position the highlight region whenever the user presses channel keys, the method further comprising:

changing the channel of the television program displayed in the video window to an adjacent channel whenever the user presses one of the channel keys; and ①

displaying the program list with the highlight region repositioned at the top of the list on top of a program listing for the adjacent channel whenever the program listing for the adjacent channel does not appear on the program list when the user presses one of the channel keys to change channels.

47. (New) An interactive television program guide system comprising user television equipment configured to:

simultaneously display (a) a program list that contains multiple program listings, that only contains program listings for programs that are currently being broadcast, and that has a highlight region for highlighting a given one of the program listings, (b) a video window that contains an

unobstructed view of a television program, and (c) a detailed program description of the highlighted program listing;

allow the user to position the highlight region only among the program listings for programs that are currently being broadcast; and

automatically update the detailed program description and the television program in the video window to correspond to the highlighted program listing whenever the highlight region is positioned on a new program listing.

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48. (New) The interactive television program guide system defined in claim 47 wherein the user television equipment is further configured to allow the user to position the highlight region using remote control channel up and down keys.

49. (New) The interactive television program guide system defined in claim 47 wherein the user television equipment is configured to provide the user with an opportunity to display an information screen containing an additional description of the highlighted program listing.

50. (New) The interactive television program guide system defined in claim 47 wherein the user television equipment is configured to provide the user with an opportunity to return

to normal television viewing from the simultaneously displayed program list, video window, and detailed program description.

51. (New) The interactive television program guide system defined in claim 47 wherein the user television equipment is configured to (a) allow the user to position the highlight region whenever the user presses channel keys, (b) change the channel of the television program displayed in the video window to an adjacent channel whenever the user presses one of the channel keys, and (c) display the program list with the highlight region repositioned at the top of the list on top of a program listing for the adjacent channel whenever the program listing for the adjacent channel does not appear on the program list when the user presses one of the channel keys to change channels.

REMARKS

I. Introduction

Claims 1 and 13-24 have been amended. (These Remarks are followed by an Appendix showing how claims 1 and 13-24 have been amended.) Claims 25-51 have been added. Reconsideration of this patent application in view of the following remarks is respectfully requested.